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SUBJECT: CODEL FINDLEY

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1. USINT DAMASCUS WELCOMES CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY.
MEANWHILE I HAVE CHECKED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
WHICH HAS INFORMED ME THAT CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY WILL
BE THE GUEST OF SYRIAN PARLIAMENT AND AS SUCH THE
FOLLOWING PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED FOR HIM.:.

A. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM SHORTLY AFTER
ARRIVAL APRIL 30.

B. SEPARATE MEETINGS MORNING OF MAY 1 WITH PRESIDENT
OF THE SYRIAN PARLIAMENT MUHAMMAD ALI HALABI AND WITH
MEMBERS OF SYRIAN PARLIAMENTRY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

C. AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON.

2. I INTEND TO BE THE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE CONGRESSMAN'S
VISIT AND I EXTEND AN INVITATION TO CONGRESSMAN
FINDLEY TO STAY WITH ME AT THE RESIDENCE
EVENING OF APRIL 30. FOREIGN MINISTRY, HOWEVER, WOULD
ALSO LIKE CONGRESSMAN TO KNOW THAT SARG IS ALSO PREPARED
TO EXTEND ITS HOSPITALITY TO HIM THAT NIGHT. IN ANY EVENT I AM
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PLANNING A SMALL PRIVATE DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE EVENING

APRIL 30 AFTER HIS CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER FOR DIS-CUSSIONS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING:
(A) WHERE CONGRESSMAN PREFERES TO SPEND NIGHT OF APRIL 30;
(B) ARRIVAL TIME IN DAMASCUS IN ORDER TO SET UP CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER AND (C) WHETHER CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY WISHES ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS CALLS SO THAT I MAY ALSO INFORM THE APPROPRIATE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.
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